

January 11, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 18, 2000, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Chris Voigt at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of December 7, 1999
3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

2. Approve minutes of December 7, 1999.
3. For information.

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| <p>4.     <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.</p> | <p>4.     For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>5.     <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>                                 | <p>5.     For information.</p>                |

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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| <p>*6.    <u>Transportation Enhancement Review Committee Recommendations</u></p> <p>This year, eight enhancement fund applications from the MAG region were recommended by Arizona Department of Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) to the State Transportation Board for \$3.4 million. A total of \$11.8 million in state transportation enhancement funds from throughout the State was recommended by the TERC: \$7.5 million in local projects and \$4.3 in State projects. The MAG region received 39 percent of local funds, and 10 percent of State funds--a total of 29 percent of all funds awarded. The total value of State and local enhancement fund projects in the MAG region totals \$12,155,027 since the program's inception in 1992. Please refer to the enclosed memorandum for additional information.</p> | <p>6.     For information.</p> |
| <p>*7.    <u>Regional Trails Forum</u></p> <p>The Regional Off-Street System Plan, or ROSS plan, will include a region-wide system of off-street pathways for travel by bicyclists and pedestrians. These paved pathways and unpaved trails would be</p>   | <p>7.     For information.</p> |

located in areas such as canal banks, linear parkways and flood control channels throughout Maricopa County. The goal of the ROSS plan is to help make bicycling and walking viable options for daily travel trips, leading to an improvement in air quality and relieving congestion. Development of the plan will be overseen by members of two MAG committees: the Regional Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group. Also, a stakeholders group will help guide the development of the plan. A regional kick-off meeting is planned for January 18, 2000--the first Regional Trails Forum. An invitation to the Forum has been mailed to each member of the Committee, and is also enclosed with this agenda packet.

#### **ITEMS TO BE HEARD**

8. **Report on the MAG Freeway Program**

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the FY 2001-2007 Life Cycle Program will be reviewed.

9. **Funding to Complete the Environmental Analyses for Three Park and Ride Lots**

In May 1999, the Regional Council approved the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget, including \$700,000 for park and ride lot implementation. Of this amount, \$370,000 has been contracted to identify up to twenty sites for park and ride lots across the region. Of the remaining funds, \$225,000 is needed to complete environmental analyses to ensure obligation of funds for three committed near term park and ride lots. In accord and with the approved 00-04 TIP and proposed January 19, 2000 Regional

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information, discussion and recommendation to amend the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to contract with the Regional Public Transportation Authority for \$225,000 in MAG CMAQ funds to complete environmental analyses for park and ride lots in the vicinity of: (1) Gilbert Road and Union Pacific Railroad in Gilbert, (2) Power Road and US 60 in Mesa, and (3) Loop 101 and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Glendale.

Council action, funds for these three lots are programmed as follows:

- ! Gilbert Road and the Union Pacific Railroad vicinity in Gilbert: \$318,000 in FY 2000 STP funds (including \$18,000 of local match), with another in FY 2000 \$690,000 (\$345,000 each) from HB 2565 funds and the Town of Gilbert, plus an additional \$117,000 in 2565 funds from FY 1999 if these funds are obligated in FY 2000.
- ! Power Road and US 60 vicinity in Mesa: \$500,000 in 5307 funds in FY 2001 for design, with another \$3,500,000 in 5307 funds in FY 2002 for construction.
- ! Loop 101 and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue vicinity in Glendale: \$500,000 in 5307 funds in FY 2002 for design, and \$3,500,000 in 5307 funds in FY 2003 for construction.

Staff is recommending that MAG contract with the RPTA to complete the required analysis for an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

10. FY 2001-2005 MAG Federally Funded Program

On January 5, 2000, the Management Committee accepted the TRC 2001-2005 Program recommendation for the MAG federal funding. However, they requested clarification on the action "that any additional obligation authority that becomes available will be allocated to transit."

The recommendation to the Management Committee was a combination of two previous TRC actions. The first part of the recommendation was finalized by the

10. For information, discussion and possible action.

TRC on December 6, 1994, and recommended a list of projects for MAG federal funding. The second part of the recommendation came from an interim action by the TRC on November 23, 1999, and provided guidance to developing the MAG federally funded program. The guidance related to directing staff to allocate any additional funds beyond street paving needs to transit. No additional funding was found and the TRC approved a list of recommended projects without additional transit projects.

No additional action by the TRC is required on this agenda item. Any additional funding that will become available this year will be addressed by the TRC as part of the closeout process--traditionally most closeout funds are applied to transit as they are the only projects ready to be obligated. If additional federal funds become available in future years, this can be addressed as part of the normal programming cycle.

11. Status Report on Light Rail Transit Projects

In June 1999, a 39-mile light rail transit (LRT) system was included in the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). A status report on light rail transit activity will be presented. RPTA is in the process of completing preliminary engineering and an Environmental Impact Statement for a LRT system in a corridor extending from Central Phoenix to the East Valley. Light rail transit is part of the City of Phoenix Transit Plan to be presented to voters in March. Scottsdale is pursuing a Major Investment Study for a North/South high-capacity transit system.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information.